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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: CDES (MCKAY, DONALD L.)

SUBJECT:DONALD L. MCKAY

1. CONGRESSMAN MAZOLLI INTERESTED.

2. MRS. MCKAY, WIFE OF DECEASED, ANXIOUS TO LEARN EXACT DATE OF ARRIVAL REMAINS IN U.S. WE UNDERSTAND MRS. MCKAY DID NOT DEPOSIT ANY FUNDS WITH FUNERAL DIRECTOR, MR. RAVACCHIOLI OR EMBASSY PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE. MRS. MCKAY CLAIMS THAT SHE ADVISED BY MR. RAVACCHIOLI, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, THAT SHE COULD "TAKE UP TO SIX WEEKS TO PAY". MR. RAVACCHIOLI ALSO ADVISED THAT REMAINS WOULD BE SHIPPED FRIDAY, JUNE 23. MRS. MCKAY, THEREFORE, ASSUMED THAT EMBASSY OR THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR WOULD ADVANCE NECESSARY FUNDS AND BILL HER LATER. MRS. MCKAY ALSO REPORTS THAT SIMILAR INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO HER BY CONOFF INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPOSITING FUNDS WITH SCS.

3. SCS OFFICER INFORMED MRS. MCKAY THAT REMAINS GENERALLY NOT SHIPPED UNTIL FUNDS TO DEFRAY COST ARE ON DEPOSIT
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EITHER IN DEPARTMENT OR AT POST. ON BASIS OF POST'S LATEST DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT SHE DEPOSIT \$1800 WITH THE DEPARTMENT. INFO REFUNDS BEING SENT BY SEPARATE CABLE OOB JUNE 22.

4. IN MEAN TIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT FROM EMBASSY RE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN CONOFF AND LOCAL FUNERAL

DIRECTOR. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFO RE E.T.A.
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